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SUBJECT: COMPOSITION OF IAEA GENERAL COMMITTEE

REF.: VIENNA 9994

1. WHILE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES REASONS GIVEN IN SUPPORT OF REPRESENTATION SCHEME FOR GENERAL COMMITTEE CITED IN REFTEL, ON BASIS OF CONSIDERATIONS EXPLAINED BELOW DEPARTMENT CANNOT APPROVE PROPOSAL.

2. SPECIFICALLY, THE SCHEME SUGGESTED REFTEL WOULD SET A DIFFICULT PRECEDENT FOR US IN DEALING WITH THE ASIAN PROPO-  
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SAL REGARDING REGIONAL REPRESENTATION IN UN BODIES. IT WOULD WEAKEN OUR POSITION IN FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS, AND WHILE THIS ISSUE IS BEFORE THE UN, WE DO NOT WANT TO GIVE ANY INDICATIONS OF FLEXIBILITY. DURING THE 32ND UNGA, THE ASIAN GROUP SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL ON THE QUESTION OF REPRESENTATION ON VARIOUS UN BODIES. THIS PROPOSAL RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF A REDISTRIBUTION OF SEATS ALLOCATED TO THE VARIOUS

REGIONAL GROUPS. IN A REDISTRIBUTION OF SEATS, THE WEA'S AND EE'S WOULD BE THE MAJOR LOSERS. IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS, WE WERE SUCCESSFUL IN DEFERRING ACTION ON THIS ITEM UNTIL NEXT YEAR. DEFERRAL OF THE ASIAN ITEM AT THE UN WAS THE RESULT OF CONCERTED LOBBYING EFFORTS OF THE WEO'S AND EE'S WITH SUPPORT FROM LA'S. AN INFORMAL CONTACT GROUP CONSISTING OF TWO OR THREE REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH REGIONAL GROUP WILL MEET BETWEEN THE 32ND GA AND THE 33RD GA TO STUDY THE QUESTION; ITS DELIBERATIONS ARE TO SERVE AS A BASIS FOR THE ITEM'S CONSIDERATION AT THE 33RD GA. THE ASIAN PROPOSAL HAS FAR-REACHING IMPLICATIONS WITH RESPECT TO WESTERN REPRESENTATION ON UN BODIES AND US EFFECTIVENESS WITHIN THOSE BODIES.

3. DEPARTMENT ALSO OPPOSES SCHEME WHICH WOULD NOT HAVE THE THE US-A MAJOR NUCLEAR POWER - REPRESENTED CONTINUOUSLY ON IAEA'S GENERAL COMMITTEE.

4. MISSION SHOULD OPPOSE PROPOSAL IN REFTTEL. AS AN ALTERNATIVE, YOU MAY SUPPORT A PROPOSAL FOR LIMITED ENLARGEMENT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE TO MEET THE REPRESENTATION NEEDS OF THE AFRICANS, WHO ARE UNDER-REPRESENTED ON THE COMMITTEE.

5. IN VIEW OF OUR OPPOSITION TO THIS PROPOSAL, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR MISSION TO BEGIN DISCONFIDENTIAL

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